UNITED NATIONS **S**

Security Council

Distr.
GENERAL

S/26544
6 October 1993
ENGLISH
ORIGINAL: SPANISH

LETTER DATED 29 SEPTEMBER 1993 FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED NATIONS COMPENSATION COMMISSION ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to transmit herewith, for the attention of the Security Council, the following information on the eleventh session of the Governing Council of the United Nations Compensation Commission, held from 27 to 29 September 1993.

At the 37th plenary meeting of the Council, held on 27 September 1993, the Executive Secretary informed it, inter alia, that, as of that date, the secretariat had received 2.2 million claims.

The Governing Council made further progress in its discussion of the priority of payments for the various categories of claims and decided to maintain the item on the agenda of future sessions in order to pursue its consideration of the question in the light of future developments relating to the filing of claims and the financing of the Compensation Fund.

At the 38th plenary meeting, on 29 September 1993, the Council took note of the consolidated claims which had been filed after the expiry of the time-limits set by the Council by various Governments and by entities authorized to make claims on behalf of individuals not in a position to have their claims submitted by a Government. In accordance with article 12, paragraph 3, of the Provisional Rules for Claims Procedure, the Council decided to accept the consolidated claims in question.

Some Governments and entities informed the Council that they were experiencing difficulties in submitting consolidated claims in categories A, B and C within the prescribed time-limits and requested an extension for filing such claims. The Governing Council decided to grant Governments and entities which so requested an extension until 1 January 1994 to file claims in those categories.

The Council was of the view that the extensions granted so far would not disrupt the processing of claims, but that any other extension might cause such disruption, and it therefore stated that any Government or entity seeking any further extension should set forth in detail the reasons which would justify its request.

Lastly, the Governing Council decided to grant the Governments of Egypt and Kuwait an extension until 1 April 1994 to file approximately 260,000 claims in category C, which were to be submitted in diskette form, because work on the computer programme that was to be used had not been completed.

Some members of the Council expressed concern over the current situation of the Compensation Fund, for which regular financing, as provided for by the Security Council, had not yet been secured.

Representatives of Kuwait, Iraq and the Islamic Republic of Iran indicated that they wished to address the session, and were invited by the Council to make statements at the 37th plenary meeting, on 27 September 1993.

(Signed) Fernando VALENZUELA MARZO
President